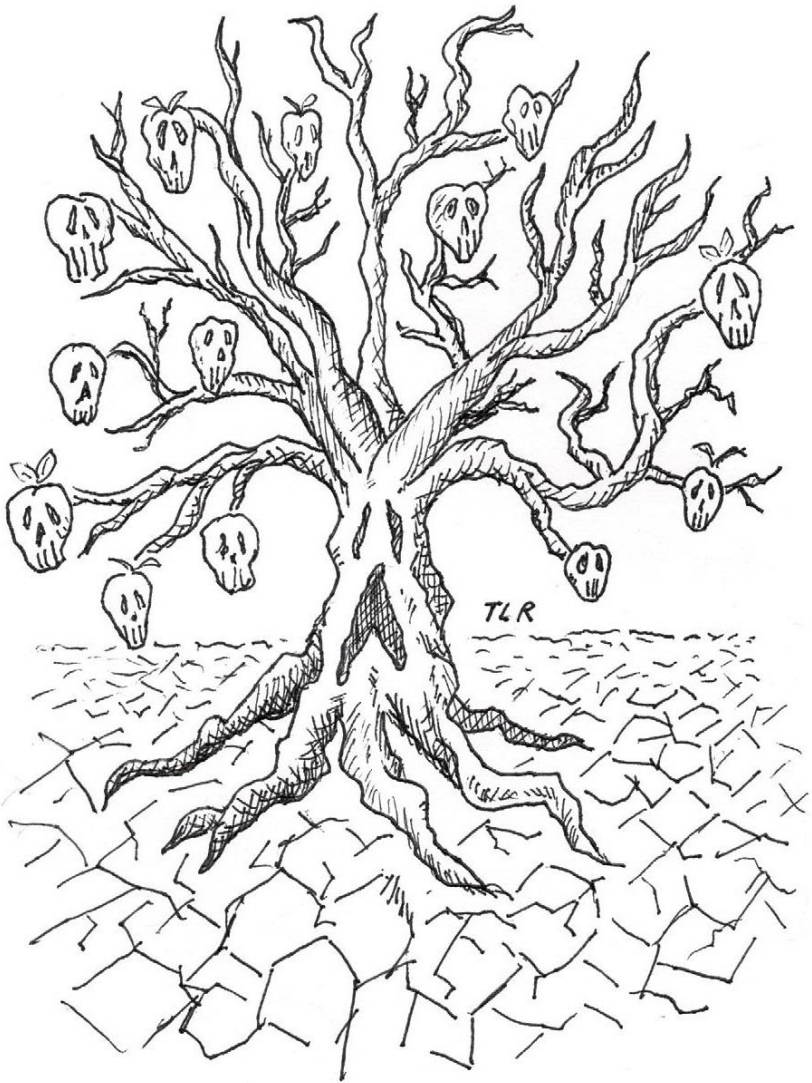


The Tree and its Fruit



“...a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.”—Matt. 7:17b

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA

January 29th, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-ninth Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We are looking at the basic principles of the Reformation as a backdrop to our study on the views of Martin Luther with regard to the doctrine of sovereign predestination.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"O God our Help in Ages Past"* (#48, v. I).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"My Savior's Love"* (#256).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:9-20.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music: Rocky Barley; *"Pass it On."*

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Lead Me to Calvary"* (#148).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"The World's Biggest Problem."*

Closing Hymn:* *"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"* (#160).

Benediction.*



"When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his own image..."
—Genesis 5:3

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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Week of Jan. 22 - Jan. 28

Sunday School—6; Midweek—No service; weather

Morning Worship—24; Weekly Offering—\$601.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Daniel 5: The mysterious handwriting turns a night of revelry into a night of **HORROR!!!**



Africa Update

From: Pastor Keith Merriman (1/25/23)

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. As I send out this update **Pastor Salomon** is struggling again with typhoid. He is having five shots beginning today to help with overcoming this debilitating problem. Also, **Pastor Gilbert Amaswache** has a serious case of the flu. Please pray for healing for our brothers.

God bless, Keith



From: Pastor Keith Merriman (1/27/23)

Dear beloved brethren,

I just spoke with **Pastor Salomon**. He and **Mary** are both at the clinic in Yaounde. Salomon is receiving another shot for his typhoid. He is still sick. Mary has been having back problems and they have been giving her injections in her back. The injection site is infected and they are giving her an IV and also did some minor surgery to remove the puss from her back. Please pray for Salomon and Mary.

Thanks and God bless, Keith

Some Thoughts on ORIGINAL SIN...

1) "What is wrong with the world? I am!"—G.K. Chesterton

2) "Original sin may be defined as ***'the sinful state and condition in which men are born.'*** It is so designated because: (1) ***'it is derived from the original root of the human race (Adam),*** (2) ***it is present in the life of every individual from the time of his birth,*** and (3) ***it is the inward root of all the actual sins that defile the life of man.'*** Simply stated, it refers to ***'the corruption of our whole nature.'***—Paul Enns, *Moody Handbook of Theology*

3) "Original sin is the doctrine which holds that human nature has been morally and ethically corrupted due to the disobedience of mankind's first parents to the revealed will of God... The doctrine of original sin holds that every person born into the world is tainted by the Fall such that all of humanity is ethically debilitated, and people are powerless to rehabilitate themselves, unless rescued by God."—Theopedia; <https://www.theopedia.com/original-sin>

4) "Original sin does not refer primarily to the first or original sin committed by Adam and Eve. Original sin refers to the result of the first sin—the corruption of the human race. Original sin refers to the fallen condition in which we are born."—R.C. Sproul

5) "By this sin they [i.e., Adam & Eve] fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions."—*The Westminster Confession*, 6:1

6) G. K. Chesterton saw *Original Sin* as the one Christian dogma that is both empirically verifiable, being expressly validated by thousands of years of observable human history:
"Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of Christian theology which can really be proved."

7) "The assertion of original sin makes the point that we are not sinners because we sin, but rather we sin because we are sinners, born with a nature enslaved to sin."—J.I. Packer